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1. A convoy made up of field kitchen truck [] and trucks [] each pulling an AT gun of 80 to 85 mm, went from Nedlitz to Potsdam (M 53/Z 63) on 19 July 1950 [] 25X1
- 25X1 Each truck carried nine men wearing red-bordered black epaulets. (1) On 25X1 the same day [] a convoy of about 50 trucks went from Nedlitz to 25X1 Potsdam. Four 3-axle trucks had rocket launchers with 16 rails mounted on 25X1 them. Several 120-mm mortars and several 76.2-mm AT guns with muzzle brakes 25X1 were seen. About 15 trucks carried long ammunition boxes. Trucks 25X1 [] were observed with three 25X1 field kitchens. (2)

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2. On 19 and 20 July 1950 the Artillerie Kaserne on Nedlitzerstrasse was occupied by an engineer unit of about 150 men wearing the axe and spade insignia. The Delius Kaserne on Nedlitzerstrasse was occupied by about 150 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets. An officer and three EM held aiming practice with a gun of about 120 mm with vertical **equilibrators**, on the drill ground opposite the entrance. The Hohenlohe Kaserne on Nedlitzerstrasse was occupied by about 150 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The Ludendorff Kaserne on Nedlitzerstrasse was about 50 percent occupied. The troops, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, were estimated at 500 men. (3).

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3. On 19 July 1950 four biplanes landed at the Bornstedter Feld. The planes were then parked in the hangar belonging to the Kriegsschule. The six biplanes previously stationed there were shipped away on 17 June 1950 and no other planes were observed.
4. An artillery unit and the entire headquarters from the Delius Kaserne left on 19 July 1950 for firing practice in Altengrabow (M 53/Z 00). Eight 152-mm guns, eight trucks, one radio truck, one field kitchen and about 120 EM of older classes were seen. (4) A gas alarm practice was held at the barracks on 20 July 1950 [] Officers and EM hurried to the clothing depot to receive their gas masks. The fitting of the gas masks was checked with the individual units. The soldiers wearing their gas masks, later marched for 30 minutes in the yard of the installation. This was repeated on 22 and 24 July 1950. The soldiers on guard always carried gas masks. During the drills

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they put on the masks and remained at their posts. (5) Recruits were trained with 152-mm guns in the morning of 21 July 1950. Loading, target designation and indirect fire were practiced. In the afternoon they were trained with rifles and submachine guns. Two trucks carrying a guard detail of 2 officers and 45 EM left for the quarters in Wildpark daily [redacted]

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5. A worker in the Hohenlohe Kaserne said that 40 officers and 120 EM left for an unidentified destination on 24 July 1950. Seventy-two officers and 200 EM arrived about the same time. (6)

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[redacted] Comments.

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- (1) [redacted] Troops were loaded and unloaded from trains in Doeberitz from 10 to 13 July 1950. [redacted]

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[redacted] A convoy pulling 37-mm guns of the 1st Mecz Div moved on the Jaenickendorf-Berlin road on 12 July 1950. [redacted] According to previous reports tank units of this division trained in Altengrabow during the first half of June 1950. [redacted] It is believed that the 1st Mecz Div does not hold any large-scale maneuvers at one training grounds in the summer, but instead conducts short training exercises in different places.

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- (2) [redacted] The destination of this convoy cannot be determined. Most units of this division have been training at the Templin maneuver area since April 1950. [redacted] Small elements of the division held short exercises in the area of Rathenow-Stendal during the first half of June 1950. [redacted]

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- (3) Artillery, AAA, engineer and signal units of the GOFG are quartered in the installations on Nedlitzer Strasse.

- (4) Presumably the departure of a unit of the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig of the GOFG.

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[redacted] the movement of other artillery units from Potsdam-Nedlitz and Wildpark to Altengrabow from 8 to 14 July 1950. [redacted]

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- (5) Gas drills were not reported from other posts in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

- (6) Units of the 2nd Gds AAA Div of the GOFG are in the Hohenlohe Kaserne. It is possible that officers and EM of this division were transferred. The division is presently holding firing exercises at the AAA range in Wustrow. [redacted]

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